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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
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**To:** Blood Banks  
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Blood Bank Services: Fee Schedule Changes**

**Retroactive to dates of service on and after July 1, 2006,** Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) has implemented:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2006 relative value units (RVUs);
- The updated Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (MCLFS);
- The updated Medicare Average Sales Price (ASP) drug files; and
- A one percent (1%) vendor rate increase.

**Note:** This memo is being reissued to update the linked July 1, 2006 Blood Bank Services appendix fee schedule.

### **Maximum Allowable Fees**

HRSA has updated the Blood Bank Services fee schedule with Year 2006 RVUs, clinical laboratory fees, and Medicare Average Sales Price (ASP) pricing. The 2006 Washington State Legislature appropriated a one percent (1%) vendor rate increase for the 2007 state fiscal year. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect these changes.

Visit HRSA's web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>. To view a current fee schedule, click **Provider Publications/Fee Schedules**, then **Accept**, then **Fee Schedules**.

Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

## Injectable Drug Updates

HRSA has updated the maximum allowable fees for injectable drugs on a quarterly basis. Current and past fee schedules are posted on HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (Click on **Provider Publications/Fee Schedules**, then **Fee Schedules**). All fees have been updated at 106% of the ASP as defined by Medicare. If a Medicare fee is unavailable for a particular drug, HRSA prices the drug at 86% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP).

## Place of Service

**Reminder: Effective July 1, 2006**, all claims submitted to HRSA must include the appropriate Medicare **two-digit place of service code**. Claims with a single-digit place of service code will be denied.

## National Correct Coding Initiative

HRSA continues to implement the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policy. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created this policy to promote national correct coding methods. NCCI assists HRSA to control improper coding that may lead to inappropriate payment. HRSA bases coding policies on:

- The American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) manual;
- National and local policies and edits;
- Coding guidelines developed by national professional societies;
- The analysis and review of standard medical and surgical practices; and
- Review of current coding practices.

HRSA may perform a post-pay review on any claim to ensure compliance with NCCI. Visit the NCCI on the web at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/cciedits>.

## Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached are updated replacement fee schedule pages and appendix for HRSA's current *Blood Bank Services Billing Instructions*.

## How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

## How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the ***Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda*** or ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules*** link).

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**The Blood Bank Services Fee Schedule (previously found on pages 9-18) is now located in the appendix. To view or download the Fee Schedule, click [Appendix](#).**

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